

## CRAZED BY LOSSES HAS MURDER MANIA

Professor Underwood, of  
Columbia, Cuts Wife's  
Throat and His Own.

## WOUNDED WIFE SAVES DAUGHTER

Though Badly Cut, She Averts  
Another Tragedy, but Cannot  
Save Husband from His  
Madness—Underwood's  
Mania Inexplicable  
to His Friends.

REDDING, CONN., November 15.—Crazed temporarily as the result of financial losses during the last month or two, Lucian P. Underwood, professor of botany at Columbia University, New York, this afternoon attempted to kill his entire family, and, after cutting his wife's throat, ended his own life, stabbing himself under the right ear. Professor Underwood returned from New York on Thursday and complained of not feeling well, and, it is said, acted strangely.

This afternoon, while his wife and daughter were in the dining-room, he took a knife from the table and rushed at his wife. He drew the weapon across her throat and then ran over to where his daughter sat, making an attack upon her. Mrs. Underwood struck the professor's arm as he was about to stab his daughter. Going to another room, the doctor cut his own throat, and when physicians arrived at the house he was dead. Mrs. Underwood and her daughter went to the home of Frank E. Ewing, where Mrs. Underwood's wounds were dressed. She will recover. The daughter was not harmed.

Professor Underwood had made his home here for the last year, and had been connected with Columbia for eight years. He was forty-five years old.

## HIS ACT INEXPLICABLE

Was Widely Known Botanist, and De-  
voted to His Family.

NEW YORK, November 15.—Friends of Professor Underwood in New York are unable to account for the tragedy at Redding. He was the Torrey professor of botany at Columbia University and one of the best known botanists in America. For some years his work had been almost entirely in the realm of research. He was born in New Woodstock, N. Y., in 1852. He taught in several Western and Southern institutions until 1895, when he joined the faculty of Columbia.

Last night Professor Underwood dined at the home of Dr. Charles S. Gager, and seemed in his usual good health and spirits. His friends state, however, that several times lately he had complained of lack of sleep. None of his friends seem to have known of his having been in financial difficulties, and all are at a loss to account in any way for his act. He was devoted to his family, particularly his daughter, who recently graduated from Cornell University.

## ALMOST SIMILAR CRIME

Major McLaughlin Shoots His Daughter,  
Then Kills Himself.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., November 15.—Major Frank McLaughlin, prominent politician and landowner, shot his daughter, Agnes, in the temple, the bullet coming out on the other side of her head. Soon afterwards the girl committed suicide. The girl is still alive, but unconscious. No hope is entertained for her recovery.

He asked his friend to bring a doctor. Jeter and a friend drove rapidly over to McLaughlin's house, where they arrived in time to see him breathing his last. He had taken a quantity of prussic acid. In the room was found a number of letters, one of them addressed to the Santa Cruz Sentinel, asking the editors to "Please treat my memory as kindly as you can. During my life I did much good and but a little evil."

## PONCE DE LEON'S ASHES

State of Florida Wishes to Remove  
Explorers' Bones.

SAN JUAN, P. R., November 15.—The efforts made by the committee authorized by the Florida Legislature to secure the remains of Ponce de Leon have, for the time being, failed. Governor Foster advised the commission recently that the remains of the explorer indisputably are here, but he is of the opinion that only the heirs can consent to their removal. The Catholic church has been the custodian of Ponce de Leon's ashes since their interment, and the Insular government has no jurisdiction in the matter. The question will come up for further consideration upon the return here of the Catholic Bishop of Porto Rico.

## FATHER SHOT BY SON AND MORTALLY WOUNDED

Belona, Va., November 15.—Marcus Jenkins, colored, living on the farm of F. Finch, was shot and mortally wounded by his son, Evans Jenkins, this morning about 8 o'clock. Young Jenkins used a shotgun loaded with buckshot. Only members of the family were present. The shooting is supposed to have resulted from a family quarrel.

Dead in Parkersburg.  
Chief of Police Warner yesterday received a telegram from Parkersburg, W. Va., saying that Phil Harris, a stonecutter, had died of heart failure. Harris is believed to be residing in this city. The telegram describes the man as being about forty years old, having a light sandy mustache, and being five feet six inches in height.

## VIRGINIA METHODIST CONFERENCE IN SESSION IN PETERSBURG



This photograph of the Conference was taken especially for The Times-Dispatch at the adjournment of the morning session yesterday.

## ROYAL PAIR WED IN DUCAL CASTLE

Princess Louise of Orleans Be-  
comes Bride of Prince  
Charles.

## KINGS AND QUEENS ATTEND

LONDON, November 15.—Wood Norton, the English home of the Duke of Orleans, which originally was nothing but a hunting-box, but in recent years was transformed into a castle, where the pretender to the throne of France held court, welcomed a distinguished company to-day at the wedding of Prince Charles of Bourbon and Princess Louise of Orleans.

More than half of the guests were related to the royal houses of Europe, while others were representatives of the courts and governments of France, there being, of course, a few exceptions in this royal gathering.

The religious ceremony to which this company had been invited took place in an improvised chapel built of canvas, but so cleverly painted that it could hardly be distinguished from the interior of the chapel. The interior of the chapel likewise had the appearance of a permanent structure, and easily might have been mistaken for one of the old Catholic churches which abound in Southern Europe. The ceiling was painted sky blue, with stars set therein, and the walls were draped with rich velvet.

The chapel was connected with the castle by an arched walk, over which the bride procession passed. The Duke of Orleans led the bride, meeting her at the altar. The bride was attended by King Alfonso of Spain. The score of other royal persons in attendance, includes the Queens of Spain and Portugal, Princess Henry of Battenburg, and Grand Duke Vladimir.

They were followed by members of the diplomatic corps, including the American ambassador, Whitelaw Reid, and his wife. There was a wonderful display of gowns, costumes and jewels, and the uniforms of the various officials present were as diverse as they were brilliant. Ambassador Reid and the Swiss minister were the only guests who wore plain black evening dress, without decorations.

## TRAVELING MAN MISSING

Smith's Baggage Found, and He May  
Have Been the Suicide.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., November 15.—H. V. Smith, a traveling man, who registered at the Hotel Carroll from New York City on November 14th, has been missing from the hotel for nearly a week. His baggage was found intact in his room on Tuesday, but the room had not been used for three or four nights. The baggage indicates that Smith hailed from Shelbyville, Tenn., and that he was in Bristol, Tenn., on November 14th.

The man's absence was discovered about the time of the suicide of an unknown man in the James River here Wednesday morning, the body still being in the river and the mystery unsolved. Smith's hotel bill is unpaid, but his baggage would more than liquidate this.

## BOTH CLAIM ADVANTAGE

Louisville Railway Company Increases  
Its Service During Day.

## AOKI DINES "BOB" EVANS

Japanese Ambassador Entertains Dis-  
tinguished Naval Party and Japan.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 15.—Admiral Robley D. Evans, the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic battle-ship fleet, which on December 15th is to sail from Hampton Roads for the Pacific coast, was the guest of honor to-night at a dinner given by Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, and Viscountess Aoki, at their home on K Street. The table decorations were white chrysanthemums. At the embassy it was announced that the dinner would be quite informal, and was a personal tribute to Admiral Evans, whose acquaintance with the ambassador dates back some years. The admiral was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Harold L. Sewall, and his son-in-law, Commander and Mrs. C. C. March. The other guests included Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, Admiral and Mrs. Brownson, Admiral Cawley, Commander and Mrs. W. D. Hooker, Commander Key, Mrs. Key, Miss Hunt, Miss Patten, Mr. Miyake, the counselor of the embassy, and Mrs. Miyake. Mr. Hanhara, the second secretary, Mr. Nagi, the third secretary, and Commander Tanimichi.

## STILL PROBING FOR FRAUDS

Federal Grand Jury Adjourns to Mon-  
day—To Jail for Contempt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., November 15.—The grand jury of the United States Court here, which has been investigating whiskey frauds here for the past several days, was discharged this morning until Monday afternoon, in order to give the jurors an opportunity of spending Sunday at their homes. Judge McDowell, to-day sentenced J. A. Belcher, of Franklin county, to ten days in jail for contempt of court for refusing to obey subpoenas served on him.

The jury in the case of Jacob Scott, of Patrick county, distiller, who was charged with removing and concealing spirits, failed to agree.

## IS PROBABLY BRIDE NOW

Miss Howell Is Found in Company With  
Man With Marriage License.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., November 15.—Miss Cottley Howell, who has been missing from her home in Enfield, N. C., was found at Pinner's point this afternoon by a county officer. With her at the time was C. L. Vooten, also of Enfield, and he had in his possession a marriage license for the two, stating they were then en route for the nearest preacher. They were not apprehended, and it is supposed that the marriage took place some time during the evening. Miss Howell is eighteen years of age, and came to Portsmouth, presumably on a visit, but her people became alarmed at her absence and notified the local police.

## CONVENT AND CHURCH BURN

Mississippi Town Suffers Disaster  
Loss by Conflagration.

BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS., November 15.—Fire, which was swept by a high gulf wind, early to-day, burned everything in its path and caused damage of about \$200,000. St. Joseph's convent, one of the most famous institutions of its kind in this section of the South, was totally destroyed, and the Catholic Church and parsonage were also burned. Other buildings destroyed were the Olsane Theatre, Hotel Clifton, Cummer Telephone Building and the Butter Building.

## PRINCE KILLED BY DUKE

Death of Prince Arnulf Due to Wound  
by Duke of Genoa.

VIENNA, Nov. 15.—The Neuss Water Journal asserts that Prince Arnulf, of Bavaria, whose death three days ago was officially stated to have resulted from pneumonia, died from a sword wound received in a duel with the duke of Genoa, brother of ex-Queen Margherita, of Italy. The duel, it is declared, was fought at Murano, near Venice.

## HER BURNS PROVE FATAL

Mrs. Harrington Dies From Effects of  
Burns Received Friday Night.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., November 15.—Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington, who was so badly burned Thursday night, died this morning. Mrs. Harrington was thirty-eight years old, and is survived by five children.

Mr. Mike Nunan, her brother, had both arms burned to the bone, and is in a very serious condition.

## OKLAHOMA IS NOW STATE IN OUR UNION

President Signs Proclamation Ad-  
mitting Two Territories  
as One State.

## QUILL FROM AMERICAN EAGLE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—A new star was added to the American flag to-day by the admission formally into the Union of the State of Oklahoma. President Roosevelt at 10:15 o'clock this morning signed the proclamation admitting the territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory jointly as one of the American States.

Little formality attended the ceremony, which meant so much to the people of the two territories. In attending his signature to the proclamation, the president used a pen formed from a quill plucked from the wing of an American eagle. The pen will be deposited with the Oklahoma Historical Society.

## AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

President, Secretaries Cortelyou and  
Root and Mr. Meyer Were Present.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 15.—The financial situation formed the topic of an important conference at the White House to-night, those participating, in addition to the President, being Secretaries Cortelyou and Root and Postmaster-General Meyer. No statement was obtainable as to the result. Later, Secretary Cortelyou returned, and with the President half an hour, when the financial subject was further discussed. Secretary Cortelyou and Secretary Root were with the President a portion of the evening.

## MAURETANIA GOLD LADEN

Great Steamer on Maiden Voyage  
Brings Over Twelve Millions.

LIVERPOOL, November 15.—The departure to-day of the Cunard steamship Mauretania on her first trans-Atlantic voyage inspired the mighty crowd that had assembled to a degree of enthusiasm equal to that shown when the ship left Southampton. The ship sailed away from London on her first voyage a few months ago.

The consignment of gold carried by the Mauretania is believed to be the largest ever transported on one vessel. It was conveyed to the steamer on six cars, which were especially guarded, and amounts to £2,500,000.

## CAUGHT BY CARS ON SIDING

Charles Venech, Southern Switchman,  
Killed at Spencer.

SPENCER, N. C., November 15.—Charles Venech, aged thirty-five, a white switchman on the Southern yards at Spencer, was killed last night by being caught between a string of cars on a siding. He was on night duty, and had placed a number of cars on a siding, and it is said was working at the end of the string, when the cars rolled upon him, mashing him to death. It is said he had himself failed to take heed of the cars which caused his death. He leaves a wife and two children.

## TAKE OVER THE EXPOSITION

Company of Gentlemen Make Proposi-  
tion to Operate It as Coney Island.

NORFOLK, VA., November 15.—Director-General Alvah H. Martin tonight announced that a company of gentlemen, whose names are yet to be disclosed, have made a proposition to the Jamestown Exposition Company to take charge of the operation of the centennial fair for four months next year, paying a small lease for the property and turning over to the United States government a certain per cent. of the gate receipts to be credited to the loan of \$1,000,000. The idea is to operate the big fair as it is this year and in addition develop it into a great Coney Island. Mr. Martin is confident that the project will go through, and a conference with the board of directors will be held Tuesday. He further declares that the project hinges on the settlement of the present liens against the company, in all aggregating \$250,000. He further believes that these can be arranged through the banking committee, who financed the exposition recently, and who are pledged to see the matter through. It is known that in the conference with Mr. Martin Tuesday will be President R. Lancaster Williams, of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company; General Manager William H. of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company; Charles H. Consolvo and George E. Adams, two hotel men.

## FEAR ENGINEERS' STRIKE

Unless Arbitration Committee Can  
Agree, Road May Be Tied Up.

AUGUSTA, GA., November 15.—At a meeting at 3:30 o'clock to-night in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Assistant Grand Chief Burgess, representing the Engineers' Association, and Colonel T. K. Scott, general manager of the road, after the latter's announcement by letter of the reinstatement of the strikers, the association agreed to suspend, agreed to submit all other differences to a committee of the commercial body for arbitration, and to abide by the decision of the committee. The statement was made by the engineers' representative, this evening that the matter would have to be settled by 11:30 o'clock to-night. It was the understanding that a strike would be called at that time, but the agreement precludes a strike order and effectually stops such a possibility. The strikers' committee was still in session at a late hour, and disposition of other differences will not be announced until passed upon.

## GETS FEDERAL INJUNCTION

Controller-General of Georgia Re-  
strained from Collecting Franchise Tax.

ATLANTA, GA., November 15.—On application of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Judge Newman, in the United States District Court, to-day granted a rule nisi, enjoining Controller-General Wright, of Georgia, from taking any steps toward the collection of any franchise taxes from the company, and set the case for hearing November 27th.

## TO HOLD MASS-METEING

Democrats of the Ninth Will Then De-  
termine About Nominations.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
EAST RADFORD, VA., November 15.—The Democratic Congressional Committee of the Ninth District met here to-day to determine the date of the election of the next Congress. After due deliberation it was decided to hold a mass meeting in Bristol on the 23d of this month to determine the matter and to nominate a candidate in case the date was deemed expedient to make the race.

## A ROMANCE OF CAROLINA

Boston Girl Weds Her Instructor in  
Cross-Country Riding.

LACONIA, N. H., November 15.—A romance of North and South was crowned to-day by the marriage of Miss Louise Story, of Boston and Laconia, to Richard T. Parkinson, of New York. A year ago Miss Story visited relatives in North Carolina to escape the Northern winter. Mr. Parkinson, who was then a student at the University of North Carolina, became her instructor in love. When Miss Story came North for the summer, she left her promise with Mr. Parkinson, which was redeemed to-day.

## LABOR OPPOSED TO NATIONAL CONTROL

Federation Votes Against Gov-  
ernment Ownership of  
Railroads.

## SOCIALIST ELEMENT BEATEN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., November 15.—The Federation of Labor to-day went on record by an overwhelming majority as opposed to the government ownership of railroads; as favoring a government system of postal savings banks; in favor of national, State, county and city primaries, with the restriction of the use of money in elections, and voted to increase substantially the salaries of the president, secretary and treasurer.

By an overwhelming majority the federation went on record as opposed to the government ownership of railroads and mines. The vote on the question was 154 to 10. The question of a resolution offered by Herbert Crampton, of the Amalgamated Carpenters' Union, seeking to amend the economic platform adopted last year at Minneapolis, in this platform favoring action was taken on the nationalization of telegraph and telephone properties. Mr. Crampton's resolution sought to add the railroads and mines to this section of the platform for nationalization.

The question caused the first heated discussion of the convention that has now been in progress for a week. The socialist leaders of the body, led the discussion for government ownership of the railroads and mines, and urged that it would end rebates, overcharges, discrimination, strikes, and give the employees the best wages for their labor. It was ably seconded by others favoring government ownership.

The opposition was strong to the proposed amendment, and the argument advanced was that the fact that strikes would be ended would hamper the laboring people in securing their demands, and that with the administration opposed to organized labor, the powers of the law and the government could be effectively used to deal with strikes.

## Hotel Guest Robbed

Thomas Nelson, Colored, Arrested in  
Bristol, Charged With Theft.

Miss Mary Cottrell, of Richmond, a guest at Ford's Hotel, was robbed yesterday afternoon of a handsome diamond brooch and a gold watch, and Thomas Nelson, eighteen years old, employed as floor-washer in the hotel, was arrested in the act of carrying off the brooch and watch, being charged with being a suspicious character, but really suspected of the larceny of the jewelry. Nelson, who had a seat in the gallery, was arrested during the first act of the performance, and some little stir was occasioned by the presence of the officers. Sergeant Gibson, Acting Detective Wiley and Policeman Zimmer, Mr. Shepherd, chief clerk in the hotel, were present with the officers, and he picked Nelson out of the crowd occupying the dark wing of the gallery. The youth made no resistance, but strongly asserted his innocence. He was searched, and a gold watch was found on his person—not the one, however, stolen from Miss Cottrell.

## THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Annual Meeting to Be Held at Jeff-  
erson on Thursday Evening.

The annual meeting of the Associated Charities of Richmond will be held in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel on Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Prominent business men will speak. The public are invited.

## METHODISTS HOLD VERY BUSY SESSION

Conference is Progressing  
Rapidly With Work in  
Hand; Pass Reports.

## MAY ADJOURN MONDAY NIGHT

N. A. Smith Dropped from the  
Ministry, and Many Characters  
Approved—Memorial Service  
This Afternoon, With  
Ordination of Elders  
and Deacons.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent.)

PETERSBURG, VA., November 15.—An address of Bishop Galloway to a class of young ministers who applied to be received into full connection, proved to be the feature of to-day's session of the Virginia Methodist Conference. The sensible and amiable address of the bishop was generally approved by the large gathering of preachers present, many responding with a profound "Amen," as point after point in the qualifications for a successful ministry was enumerated. Otherwise the day was devoid of special interest, being largely given over to the consideration of routine matters, the passage of the characters of a number of preachers, and the hearing of detailed reports from many churches.

Probably the most important matter now before the conference is the proposed change in the relations of the conference to the Randolph-Macon system of colleges, and so far the committee which is working on this subject has not completed its labors.

A session held last night lasted until after midnight, and this afternoon the committee again met in a lengthy session in the office of Mr. R. B. Davis, of Petersburg. Dr. Cannon's proposal in regard to the Randolph-Macon matter is by no means as sweeping in its character as was the first proposition printed in the Christian Advocate, since it does not undertake to give the conference the power to take the place of service of the trustees of the college.

Relations to Randolph-Macon.  
Dr. William W. Smith, chancellor of the Randolph-Macon system, filed an exhaustive paper with this committee yesterday protesting against the interference in the Advocate that the trustees of the colleges have acted in any unwarranted manner in their recommendation of the Rev. Dr. Cannon's endorsement, and reciting the facts of the organization and history of Randolph-Macon College, and Randolph-Macon Women's College.

Members of the special committee are not talking for publication, but from people say that the committee is leaning toward the Rev. Dr. Cannon's endorsement, and that many members of the conference will advocate the appointment of a small special committee to inquire into the whole matter, and report to the next annual conference. It is believed that the committee will have a long and heated discussion and agitation has not been held as yet to enable the members of the conference to vote intelligently, and many will oppose any hasty judgment in so important a matter. Those who favor the present system of managing the colleges say that it has been tried, and that it has worked well ever since the institutions were founded. Some of the trustees hesitate to say that the present agitation was started by men who have failed of election for trustees of the Randolph-Macon college system.

## Dropped from the Ministry

Other features of this morning's session were an address on the work of the American Bible Society by the Rev. M. B. Porter, agent for the Southern States. Addresses were also made in support of the publication work by Dr. DuBoise, of Nashville, Tenn., and in regard to the Christian Advocate by J. S. Peters, agent for the churches in Petersburg. Reports of the churches were made in detail by the various ministers. Dr. Lipscomb reported on the case of Rev. N. R. Smith, formerly pastor of Wesley Church, Petersburg, who without his consent left his pastorate last June, and who now sent in his credentials and surrendered his membership in the Methodist Church and his position in its ministry.

No meeting of the Bishop's Council has been held to-day, and from good authority it is learned that fully 90 per cent. of the appointments have been agreed upon. Several large churches are yet to be placed, however, and applications are still being made to the bishop by delegations and letters and even by telegraph from churches who want some particular man.

## Revival in Suffolk

Opening exercises this morning were conducted by Rev. F. M. Edwards. After the reading of the minutes Dr. Tudor made a correction in a name of one of his appointees to the laymen's conference from G. J. Walker to C. P. Walford, of Richmond.

Dr. H. E. Johnson, of Suffolk, made an announcement of the progress of a notable revival being conducted in his church in Suffolk, and asked leave of absence to return for the special services.

On the call of question 5, for resolutions, no applications were received. Under question 4, for examination of the class of the second year, the following were admitted into full connection: Charles T. Thrift, Clayton O. Turle, Joseph T. Allen and Howard V. Shelton. J. K. Walker, of the class of the second year, did not take the examination, and was continued. James A. Thomas was discontinued, at his own request.

## Bishop Galloway's Address

The four young men whose examina-  
tions were approved presented them-  
selves before the pulpit and were ad-  
dressed by the bishop, who propounded  
to them the questions of the Metho-  
dist discipline. The bishop then ad-  
dressed the young men on the sacred  
calling of the ministry, emphasizing  
the spiritual character of the work.  
The need of a divine call to the mi-  
nistry and the spirit of sacrifice and